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Greetings:

I am saddened and angered at the soft and non-punative nature of the proposed Microsoft settlement. You people owe it to your constituency of hard-working American men and women who feel you coziness with Microsoft is an outrageous affront to common decency and moral decency. Shame on you if you allow them to come out of this case with anything resembling the cozy, soft "penalties" described in the brief of the proposed settlement. My friends, colleagues and myself feel this settlement has the appearance of undue influence with respect to Microsoft's business practices and the Federal Government's willingness to make them tow the line. Shame!

Microsoft will continue to be an unfairly dominant player in the software market SOLELY BECAUSE of their ability to buy off or otherwise influence legislators and others within our Federal Government because their products are of such mediocre-to-poor quality that they would have trouble competing on a level playing field. Shame!

Please do the right thing; please do the moral thing; please do your job - and punish Microsoft in a manner that pleases average American consumers and taxpayers like me and dozens of my colleagues with whom I've spoken of this horrendously-handled issue. PUNISH MICROSOFT - DON'T SUBSIDIZE THEM!!!

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